

Invitation for Public Comment
on the Reappointment of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Erithe Smith

The current term of the Honorable Erithe Smith, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Central District of California, is due to expire in May 2008. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is considering the reappointment of the judge to a new term of office of 14 years. The court invites comments from the bar and public about Judge Smith's performance as a bankruptcy judge. The duties of a bankruptcy judge are specified by statute, and include conducting hearings and trials, making final determinations, and entering orders and judgments.

Members of the bar and public are invited to submit comments concerning Judge Smith for consideration by the Court of Appeals in determining whether or not to reappoint her. Anonymous responses will not be accepted. However, respondents who do not wish to have their identities disclosed should so indicate in the response, and such requests will be honored.

Comments should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, August 15, 2007** to the following address:

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